

DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

3 CAPITOL HILL
CONFERENCE ROOM 203
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Thursday, March 13, 2015
9:00 AM

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Lynn Finocchiaro, LICSW
Connie Gallo, LCSW
Kimberly Perry, LICSW
Dr. Mary Ann Shallcross-Smith, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Barry Noel, LCSW
Ronda Jones, MSW, QRC
Sandra Munroe Wunschel, LICSW

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Karl Beauregard, Legal Counsel
Arlene Hartwell, Board Manager

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

None

1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Board of Social Work Examiners was held on Thursday, March 12 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 203, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 9:12 AM on a motion by Lynn Finocchiaro and seconded by Mary Ann Shallcross. Motion carried.

2. Presentation of the January 22, 2015 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Lynn Finocchiaro and seconded by Connie Gallo to accept the Open Session minutes of January 22, 2015. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Old Business

- Lynn Finocchiaro made a motion to table the review of the Model Practice Act created by the Association of Social Worker Boards (ASWB) and the discussion of ASWB Standards of Practice and the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics. Mary Ann Shallcross seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
 - i. Board members will review prior to the next meeting. Board members not present today will receive copies as email attachments for review.

4. New Business

- The board discussed the question of whether a Social Worker employed by a state agency would be exempt under 5-39.1-4 (3) while engaging in private practice.
 - i. Arlene Hartwell will inquire with the Ethics Commission about this question.

5. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Lynn Finocchiaro and seconded by Kimberly Perry to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:32 AM. Motion carried. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure. Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting. Also, pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.

6. Motion to return to Open Session

Motion was made by Kimberly Perry and seconded by Lynn Finocchiaro at to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Motion carried.

7. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

- The board reviewed and approved 6 and denied 1 application; and proposed action on 7 cases. All votes were unanimous.

8. Adjournment

The next Board of Social Work Examiners meeting will be held Thursday, April 9, 2015, at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Lynn Finocchiaro and seconded by Mary Ann Shallcross to adjourn at 11:56 AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Arlene Hartwell
Board Manager
Office of Health Professionals Regulation